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On 12 July 1954, the fourth six-month training course arranged by the "Hochschule fuer Nationale Politik" (Political Academy) in Waldsiedersdorf was opened by Dr. Bolz, chairman of the NDP. The opening ceremony was attended by two members of the NDP national executive committee. Dr. Bolz delivered a speech on the plebiscite, which had demonstrated, as he put it, that the population of the GDR supported the SED policy of peace. On this question of the plebiscite, Bolz was asked questions which were painful to him. Among the points brought up by the assembly were the "disgusting behavior" of SED party members during the elections, the forging of votes - in some constituencies the actual result of the elections was not in keeping with the figures arrived at by the SED Central Secretariat - and double voting. Bolz answered only part of the questions. He stressed, however, that steps would have to be taken in order to avoid irregularities at the elections for the People's Chamber in October 1954. Above all it was necessary to intensify political activities. It did no good, however, to talk in general terms. The most urgent task now was to get into touch with all classes of the population and at the same time to appeal to every individual. It was necessary to keep the initiative from the enemy. The results of the plebiscite showed that part of the population in the GDR had not yet joined the fight for peace and understanding. It was a shame that there were still people in the GDR who favoured EDC, and who were allowed to demonstrate their pro-Western attitude in public by voting for EDC. It was intended to find these elements and to purge them of their pro-Western attitude. During the next few months, the SED and the SSD (East German Intelligence Service) would do their best to bring about a change in this respect.

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